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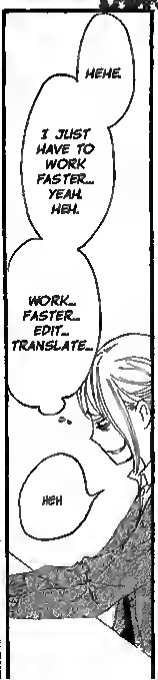

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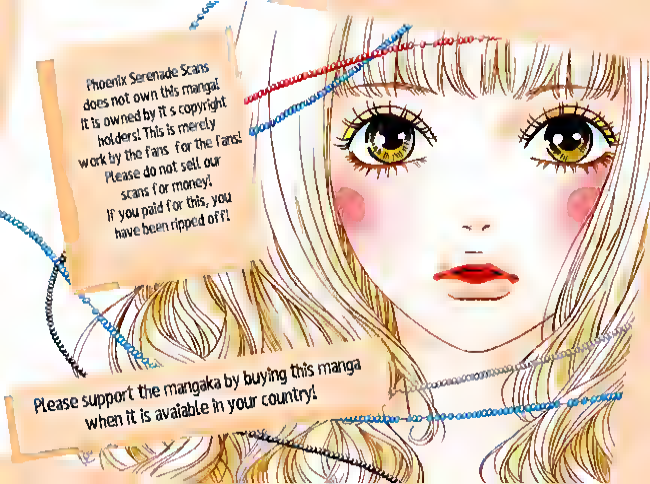
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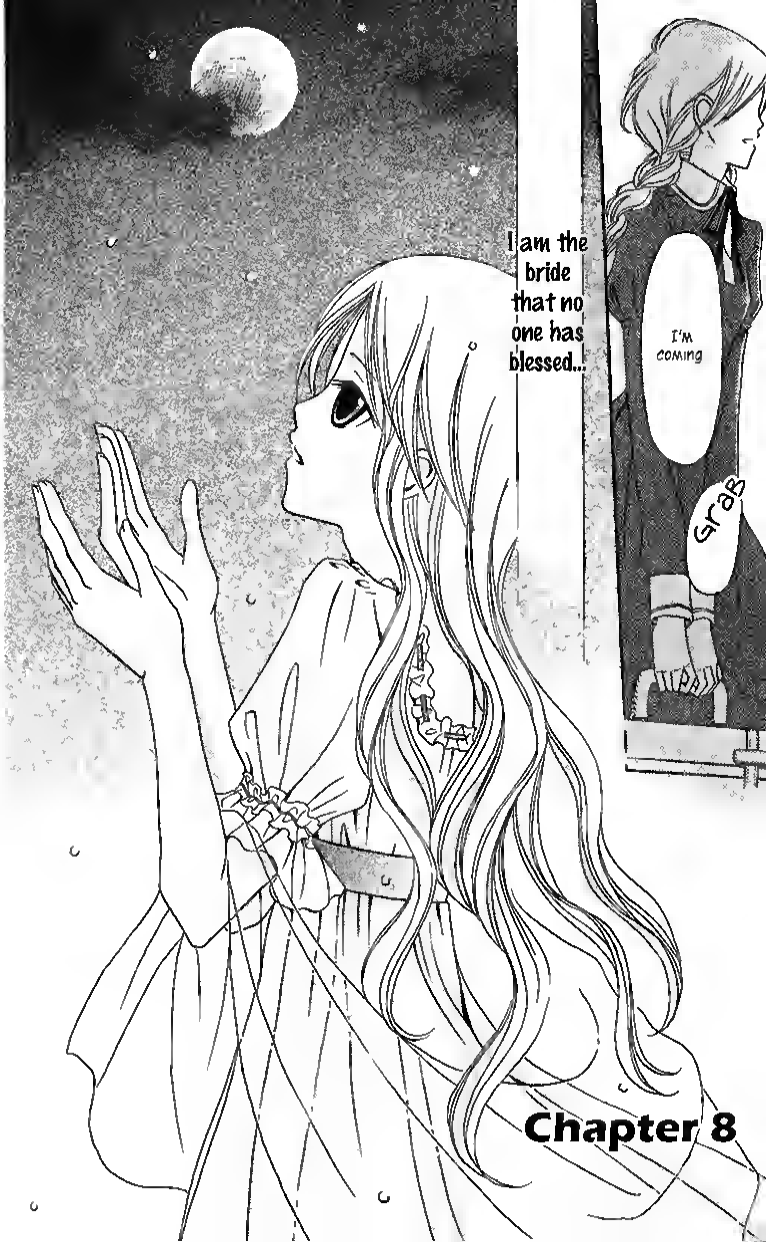
THIS IS A STORY FROM SOME TIME BEFORE I GOT MARRIED.
THIS IS WHEN THE PEOPLE FROM MY HOME TOWN WERE ALL EXTREMELY HAPPY.
Clank
Knock
MISS LILIA,
YOUR RIDE HAS ARRIVED
Oh
Tritia's butler Sebastian
The third princess Lilia from Tritia



Chapter 8

Yes
Just necessary things
IS THAT ALL?
clack
clack
THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU, BUT OUR COUNTRY
IS VERY GRATEFUL FOR KING BANFORIE'S PROPOSAL
That's right
And what incredible terms, too
No dowry, no other conditions
No!
NO, BIG SISTER, DON'T GO!
cling
Loren...

Stop it!
LAWRENCE!
LET GO OF HER!
I DON'T WANT TO!
WHY DOES BIG SISTER HAVE TO MARRY A MONSTER!?
Loren,
...
His Highness is not a monster.
.....
I'M SUCH AN AWFUL MOTHER...
I COULD ONLY MARRY YOU TO A KING WITH AN AWFUL REPUTATION
Mother,
Although he does have a bad reputation, he is only feared because of his appearance

Besides
I AM HAPPY.
I AM GOING TO MARRY THE PERSON I LOVE.
LADY
Farewell...

These are the moments that soak into our hearts.
TAKE CARE...
creak
PRINCESS LILIA,

IN PLACE OF THE KING,
WE, ON IMPERIAL COMMAND, HAVE COME TO PICK YOU UP.
MY NAME IS GARNET
AND MY NAME IS PERIDOT.

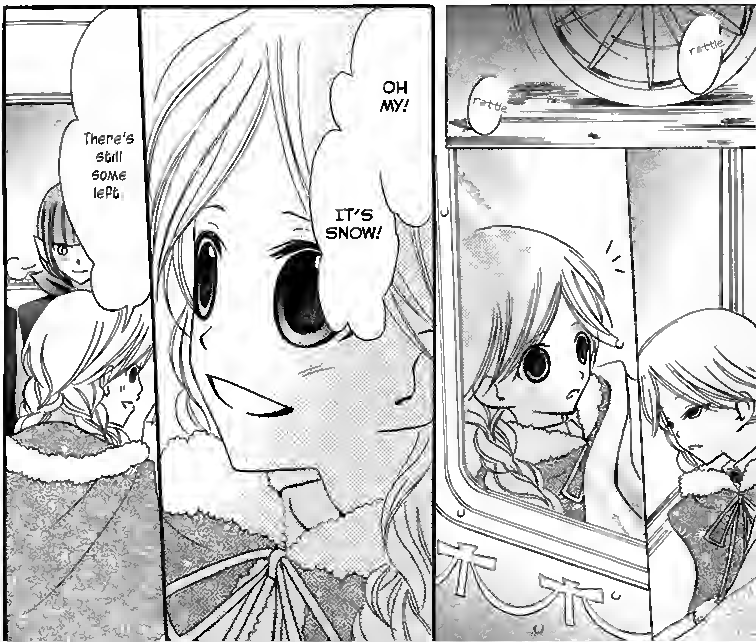
Shh!
Be Quiet
MOM, THOSE PEOPLE HAVE POINTY EARS
!!!
BOW
Thank you for traveling such a long way to come and get me
smile
nod
AND THE ONE DRIVING THE CARRIAGE IS A KUNZITE FROM THE HOBBIT FAMILY
Oh
A small Sebastian
THAT'S BECAUSE WE ARE SPIRITS
Chuckle
YES, WE DO

ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME TO GO?
Yes.
Good bye, everyone. Take care
!!
AH! PLEASE WAIT. PRINCESS LILIA!
SWISH
WE ARE GOING TO PASS THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS,
SO IT'S GOING TO GET RATHER COLD
.....
Thank you.

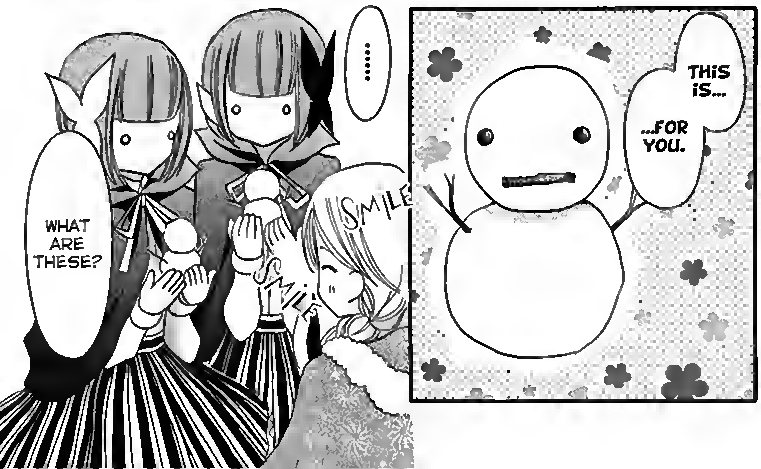
Ah
You are the one I met at the marriage interview, right?
How interesting, you are actually a twin
BANG
.....
creak
rattle
rattle
THAT WAS AQUAMARINE
WE ARE IN FACT TRIPLETS
That's amazing
Tri-plets...

The scenery going by is the same it's always been.
But,
From tomorrow onward, everything will be but a memory.
GOODBYE, TRITIA...
...I will never forget you.
I will carve my memories of you into my heart.
Again and again.

I wonder if he is waiting for me.
I wonder what His Highness is doing right now.
I wonder if, even if it's just a little bit...
Going by carriage, in two days' time,
We will arrive in Banforie.
I want to meet His Highnessas soon as I can


There's still some left
OH MY!
IT'S SNOW!
rattle
rattle

HOW ABOUT WE GET OUT FOR A LITTLE REST?
pat
pat
PRINCESS LILIA,
WE SHOULD GET GOING SOON
Peridot,
tap tap
Garnet,
Ah! Right!


THIS IS...
...FOR YOU.
.....
WHAT ARE THESE?
SMILE
SMILE

When they melt, they turn into candy
In my country, we exchange gifts like these with people we are close to
Peridot,
Garnet,
I know I am still not worthy enough, but I hope we get along
bow
.....
dash
MISS LILIA, PLEASE WAIT A WHILE!
IT'S AN EXCHANGE RIGHT? THEN WE WILL MAKE ONE TOO
That's so rude!
roll
roll

OUR CASTLE IS IN LECROCHE, THE ROYAL CAPITAL.
IT IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE NUMBER ONE CASTLE IN THE WORLD.
Well...
But then they'll never turn into candy!
(Lilia)
AT THE CASTLE THERE IS AN UNDER-GROUND STORE HOUSE WE COULD USE
(Garnet)
giggle
giggle
IF WE LEAVE THEM HERE WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEM MELTING
(Peridot)
giggle
Made by the triplets
giggle That is true.
Hahaha!
LOOK!
WE CAN SEE IT NOW

IT'S WHERE YOU'LL BE LIVING FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
"BOW"
clank
THIS WAY, PLEASE

Are you not tired?
Your Highness
No I am alright
If you need anything, just tell any of the beings who live here
Th
Thank you very much
They have been informed that your orders are equal to mine
turn
Well then, please excuse me

Ah!
Your Highness!
WE ARE TRULY SORRY, PRINCESS LILIA.
BUT HIS HIGHNESS HAS TO WORK NOW.
SINCE THE WEDDING CEREMONY IS TOMORROW, HE IS VERY BUSY.
I see...
I SHALL SHOW YOU AROUND THE CASTLE!
Ok
clank
THIS IS THE GUEST ROOM
TONIGHT, YOU SHALL SLEEP HERE
clack
AFTER THE WEDDING CEREMONY, YOU CAN OFFICIALLY MOVE TO THE QUEEN'S ROOM

My, What an exquisite dress.
THAT IS YOUR WEDDING DRESS PRINCESS
...
How beautiful
Dinner time
Excuse me
Where is His Highness?
HE IS WORKING

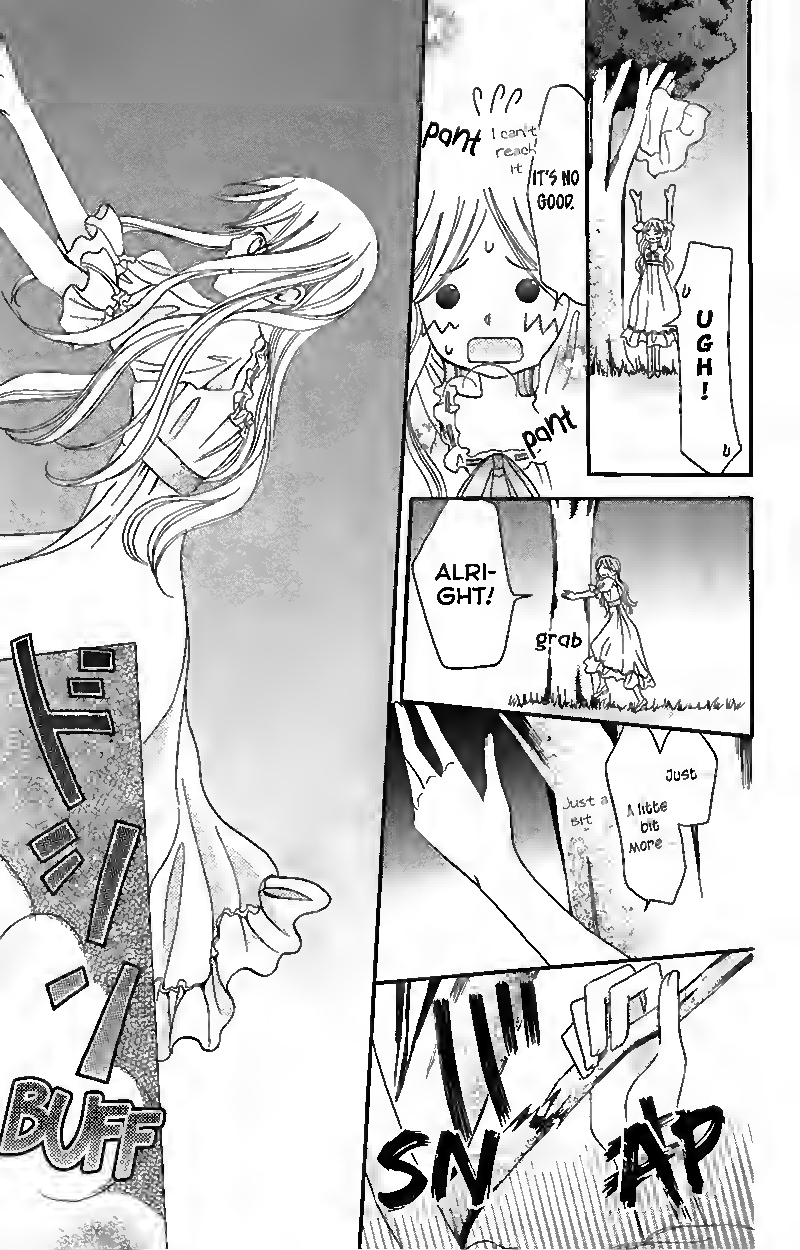
I see
I can't asleep
wide awake
It's strange
I am now in His Highness's country
A long time ago...
I heard a fairy-tale like story from Father once.
Lilia.
In a country far away from here.
There is a King that has no head

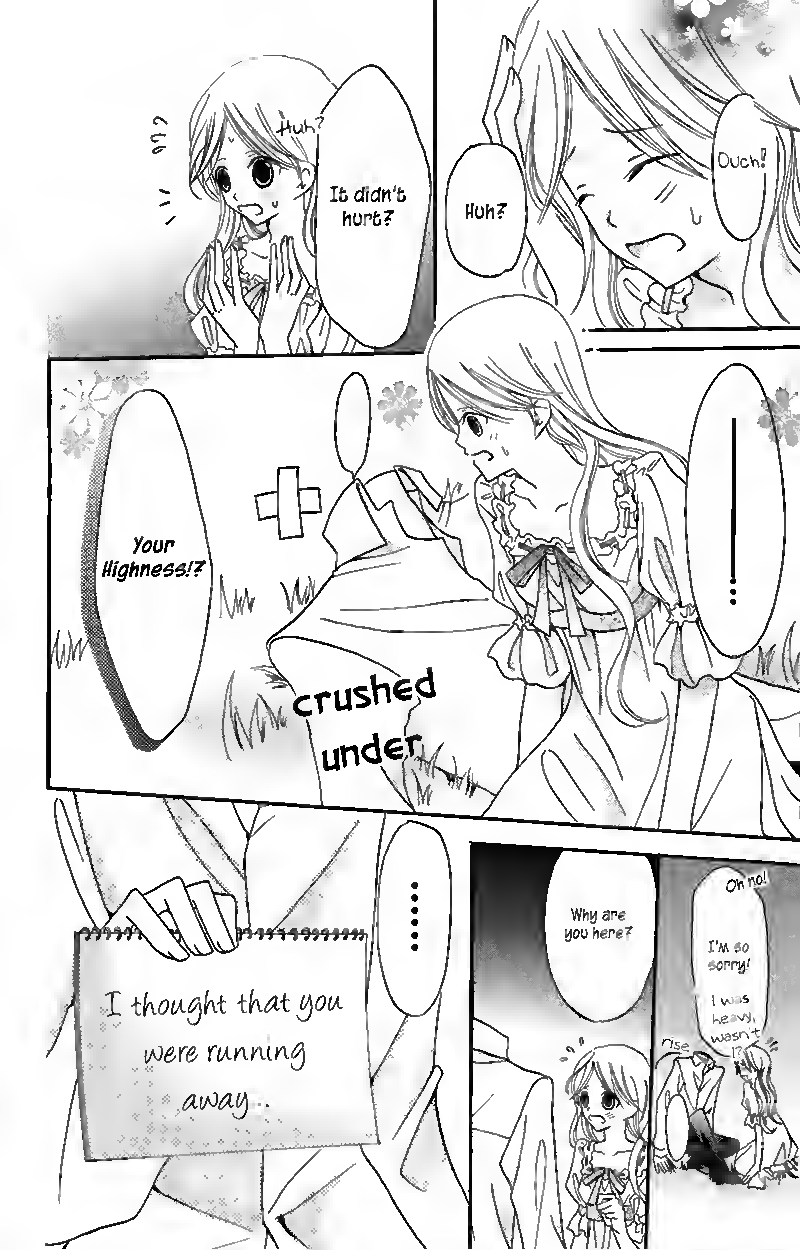
He doesn't have a head but he is alive?
AH, THAT IS BECAUSE OF MAGIC
AMA-ZING!!
chuckle
WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I TOO MET HIM ONLY ONCE
HE WAS ABLE TO SILENCE A QUARRELING GROUP OF ROYALS WITH JUST ONE WORD.

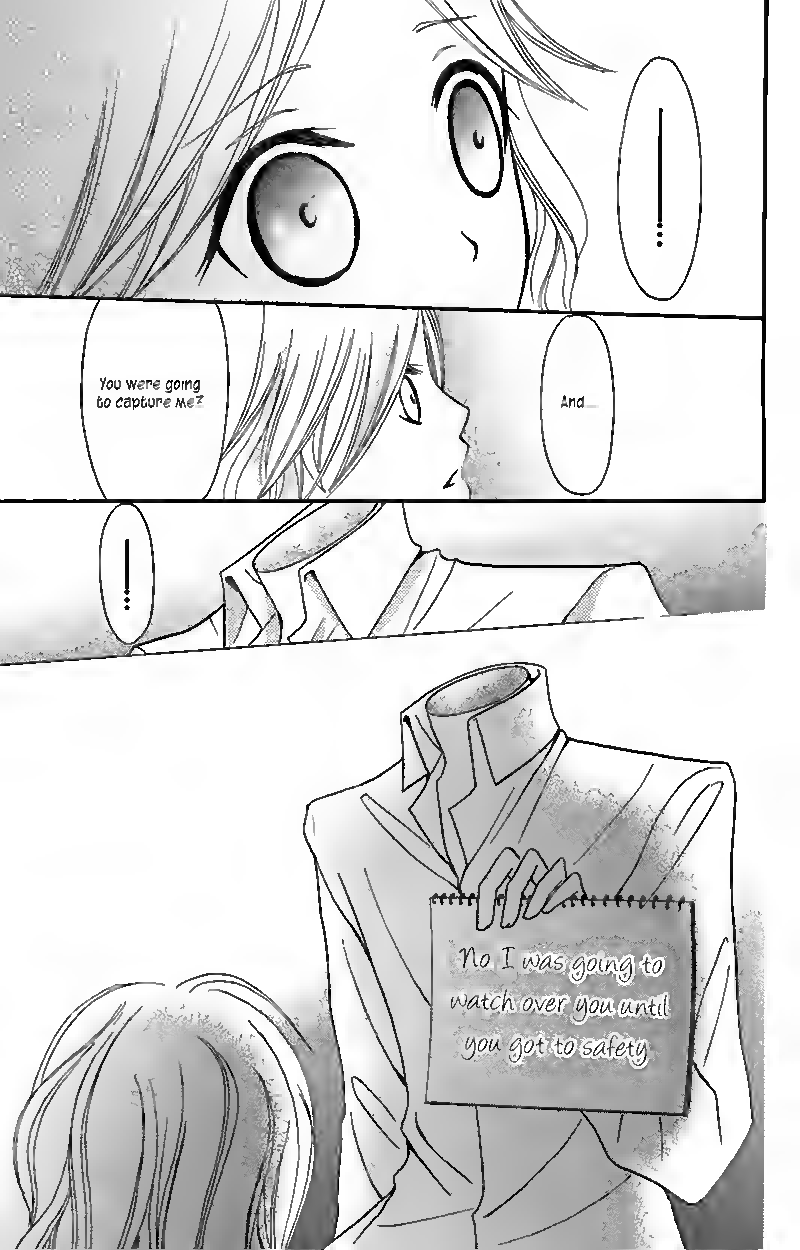
HE IS A CLEVER KING
AND HE IS ALSO
MORE POWERFUL AND NOBLE THAN ANYONE ELSE
I wonder...
Can I really become a Queen, Father?
No matter how many times I look at it, I'm still dazzled by this dress
sigh
gets up

nervous
throb throb
WHAT IF I TRIP AND FALL?
This is no good
The ceremony hasn't even started yet
If only I could get some air-
clank
SWOOSH
ACK!
WHOOSH
AH!
Oh no!
What should I do!?
The veil!
Wait!

clatter
tap
tap
Wait!
Mister Veil!
Wait,
If I don't have that,
The ceremony will be ruined
Ah
The tree
Thank God!


UGH!
IT'S NO GOOD.
I can't reach it
pant
pant
ALRI-GHT!
grab
Just a little bit more
Just a bit
SNAP
BUFF

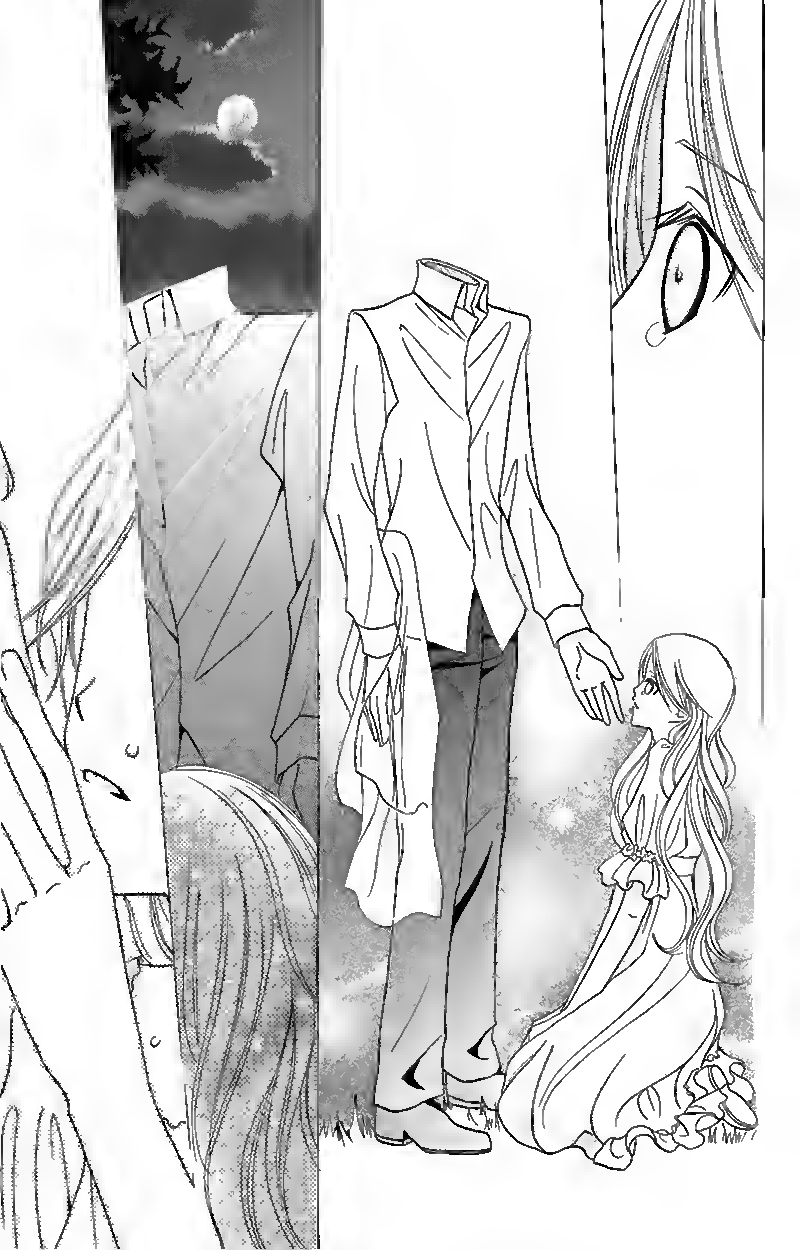

Ouch!
Huh?
Huh?
It didn't hurt?
Your Highness!?
crushed under
Why are you here?
Oh no!
I'm so sorry!
I was heavy, wasn't I?
rise
I thought that you were running away...

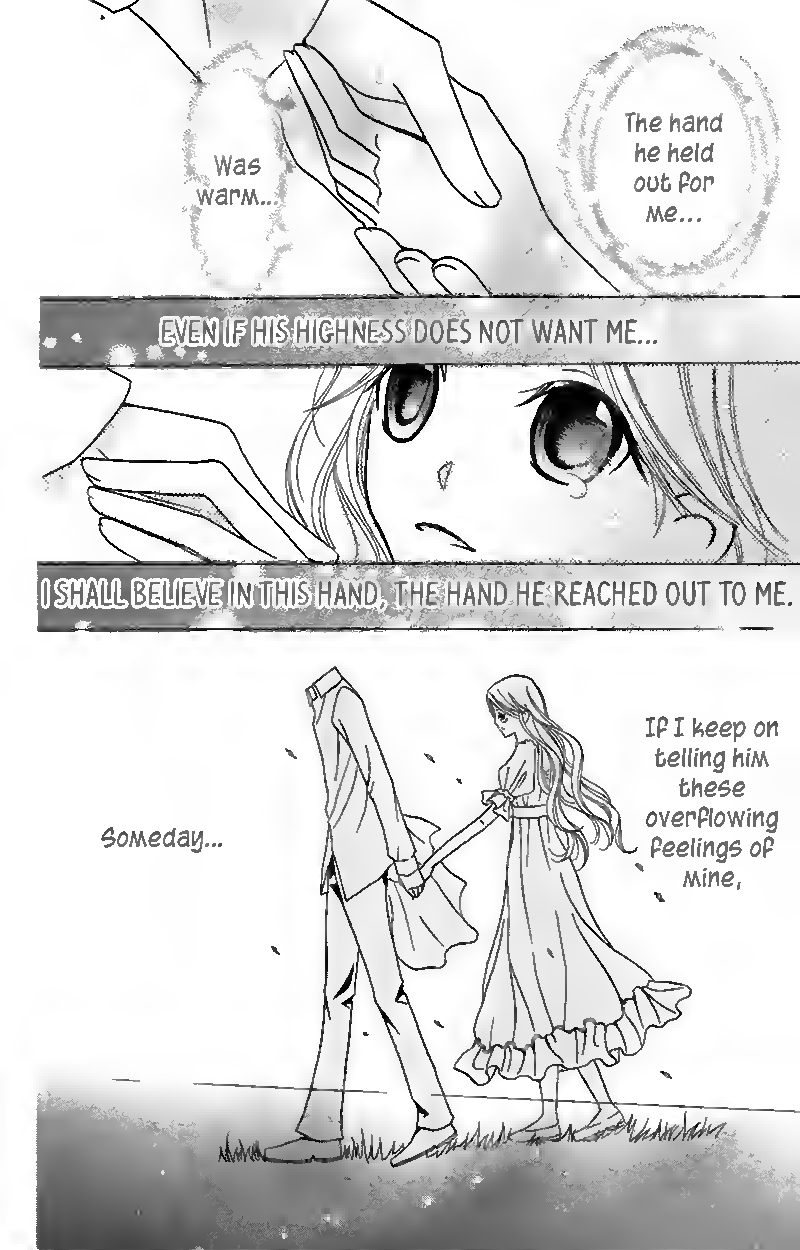

!
You were going to capture me?
And...
!
No I was going to watch over you until you got to safety

Your Highness...
That's...
Those days that...
Your Highness's bride
I came to this country because I was so happy to become
I can count them on one hand.
I spent with you...
Your Highness, that's how you feel too, right?

Let's go back
His Highness...

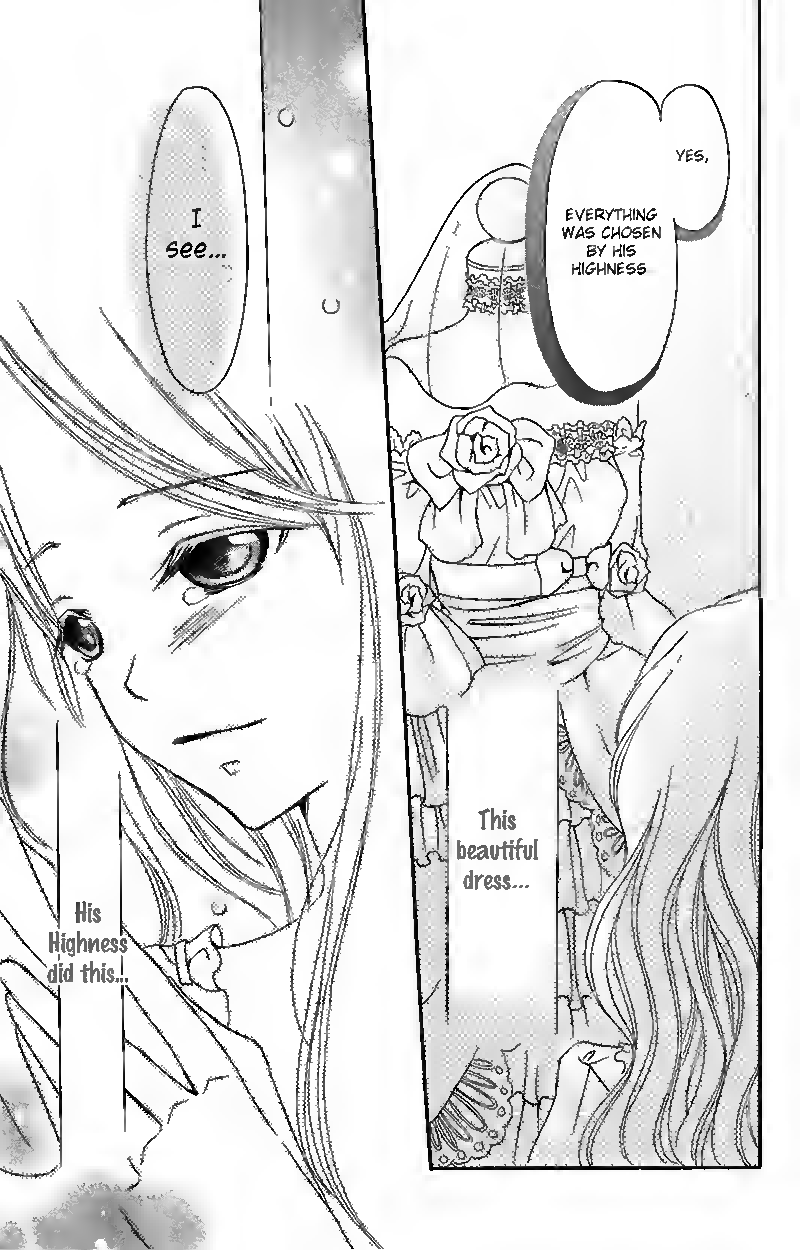
He doesn't wish for us to get married.
From now on,
I'm going toget to spend many days...
...With the person I love, but...
His Highness will be with a person he doesn't love.




Was warm...
The hand he held out for me...
EVEN IF HIS HIGHNESS DOES NOT WANT ME...
I SHALL BELIEVE IN THIS HAND, THE HAND HE REACHED OUT TO ME.
Someday...
If I keep on telling him these overflowing feelings of mine,

MISS LILIA!
WE WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
Your hair is all messy
I am sorry
The veil was blown away by the wind.
You don't have to do it yourself!
WE CAN HANDLE SOMETHING LIKE THAT, MISS LILIA.
The dress is justso splendid I guess I panicked.
...Someday, I'm sure...

Could this be a dress that has been used by generations of brides?
NO
THIS DRESS IS JUST FOR YOU, MISS LILIA
Eh?
HIS HIGHNESS WISHED FOR A DRESS THAT WOULD SUIT ONLY MISS LILIA, SO HE CHOOSE THIS ONE.
His Highness chose this...
For me?

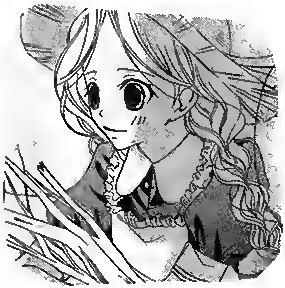

YES,
EVERYTHING WAS CHOSEN BY HIS HIGHNESS
I see...
This beautiful dress...
His Highness did this...

Nothing could make me happier.
If His Highness wants me,
...Even if it's only a little bit...

← Lilia's initial stage

Originally, she had straight bangs. You see, though, it seems that psychologically showing one's forehead shows confidence. The mysterious straight bangs didn't seem to fit such a positive girl like Lilia. The straight bang style is cute, but eventually, I gave up and split her bangs to show her forehead.

Then there was the first chapter that appeared in Hana to Yume, where her hair was braided on the right. This rather suited her, but I noticed at last that the hair needed to be untied, which really disappointed me. I still liked the cuteness of the braided hair so I made her hair before the marriage braided.



← Lilia's last form. If she had the same hair all throughout the first eight chapters, one would get completely tired of the hairstyle. So, I am going to change her hair up a bit in chapters 9 and 10. I'll probably change the color, too, while I'm at it. Somehow, I think making it standard would also be fun to draw. From now on, I think I'll just keep playing with her hair.

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